

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-13, 17-19, and 25-33 are currently pending in the application, claims 2, 14-16, and 24 remain canceled, claims 20-23 remain withdrawn. Claims 1, 5, 11, and 18 have been amended. Applicants note that the amendment does not add any new matter.

Formal Matters

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has withdrawn the previous rejection of claims 1,2, 4, 6-10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 24, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Bender et al. in view of the amendments submitted on September 5, 2008.

Applicants also note with appreciation that the Examiner has withdrawn the rejections of claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and claims 1-10, 12-19, 24, and 25 under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office rejects claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, and 25-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over SU 1646258 by Palajma et al. The Action asserts Palajma's 5-Amino-N-benzyl-naphthalene-1-sulfonamide (Compound 8 in Palajma et al.) renders Applicants' 6-Amino-N-benzyl-naphthalene-2-sulfonamide obvious.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Applicants respectfully submit that 6-Amino-N-benzyl-naphthalene-2-sulfonamide does not fall within the scope of present claim 1 or any of the dependent claims thereof. Applicants respectfully

request withdrawal of the art-based rejection.

Objections to the Claims

The Office objects to claims 17, 18, and 19 as being dependent on a rejected claim.

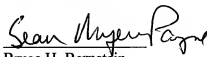
Applicants believe that in view of the foregoing amendment, no claim should remain rejected and thus, the objection to claims 17, 18, and 19 should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions or if any issues remain which can be expeditiously resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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